

# Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

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## Capitol Preservation Commission Meeting

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

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# Completion Status & Recent Activities

- **Recently Completed:**

- East Wing: Fine Art conservation; Layout restoration (East Grand Stairs); Carpet installation (Third Floor)
- North Wing: Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) shaft work on 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors is complete. Attic work is complete. New Carpet & Member Desks in House Chambers are installed.
- West Wing: Overhead MEP is substantially complete on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; Finished decorative paint at grapevine ceiling at stairs from ground floor to first floor.

# Completion Timeline

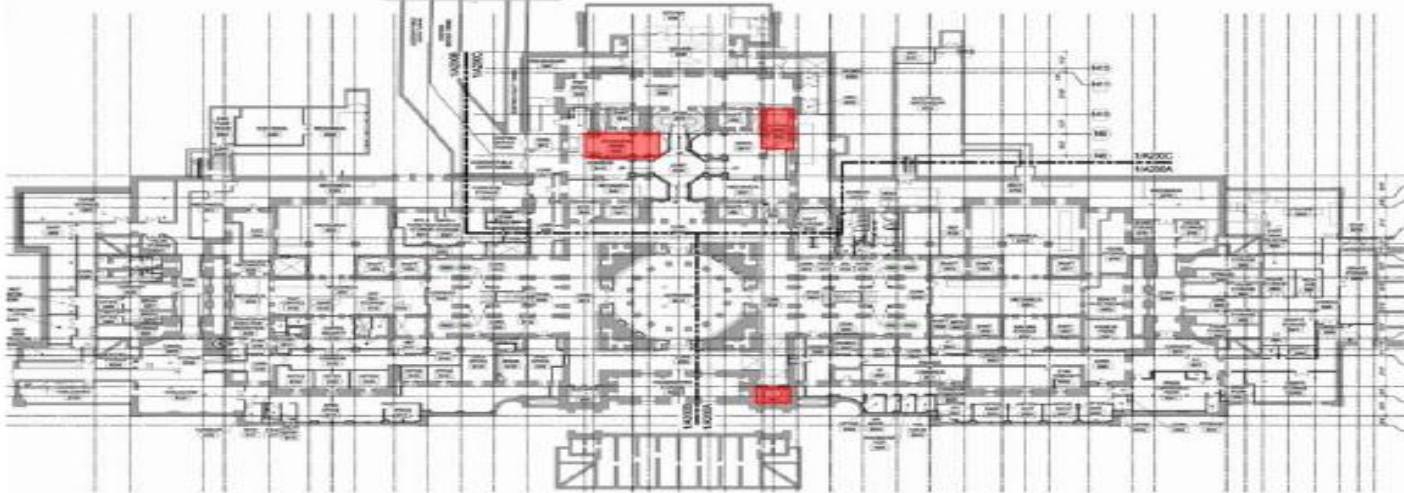
- **Project substantial completion for the following areas is 12/31/16:**
  - East Wing – Ground Floor, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
  - West Wing – Ground Floor, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
  - North Wing – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
  - Rotunda and select Zone 1 public areas
  - All elevators, except elevator #3
  - Basement
- **Project substantial completion for the following areas is as follows:**
  - West Wing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – June 2017
  - North Wing, Ground – June 2017
  - Select Zone 1 areas – August 31, 2017
  - Site work – August 31, 2017
  - Copper Roof – Fall 2017\*

*\*Copper roof is currently in design phase; schedule will be determined after scope of work is determined*

# Current Schedule/Basement

## Current Schedule / Basement

-  = Area NOT completed 12/31/16
-  = Historic Finish work NOT completed 12/31/16 at Zone 1 area. Area will be accessible for thru traffic.



The basement will be complete except the following:

Governor & Justice dining - complete June 8, 2017  
Elevator #3 - complete April 6, 2017

What won't be complete:

Painting & minor finishes  
Elevator installation  
Commissioning

# Current Schedule/Ground

## Current Schedule / Ground



### What won't be complete:

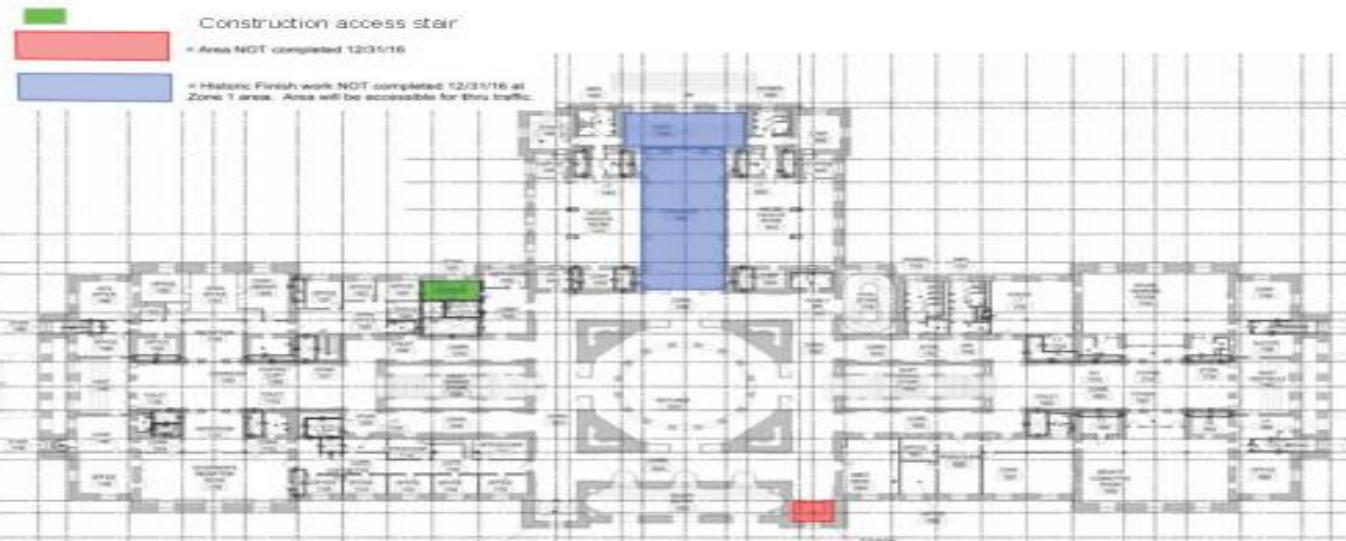
- Painting
- Decorative painting
- Flooring
- Millwork
- Doors
- Light fixtures
- Elevator installation
- Commissioning

### Ground Floor complete except the following:

- North wing - complete June 8, 2017
- Elevator #3 - complete April 6, 2017

# Current Schedule/First Floor

## Current Schedule / First floor



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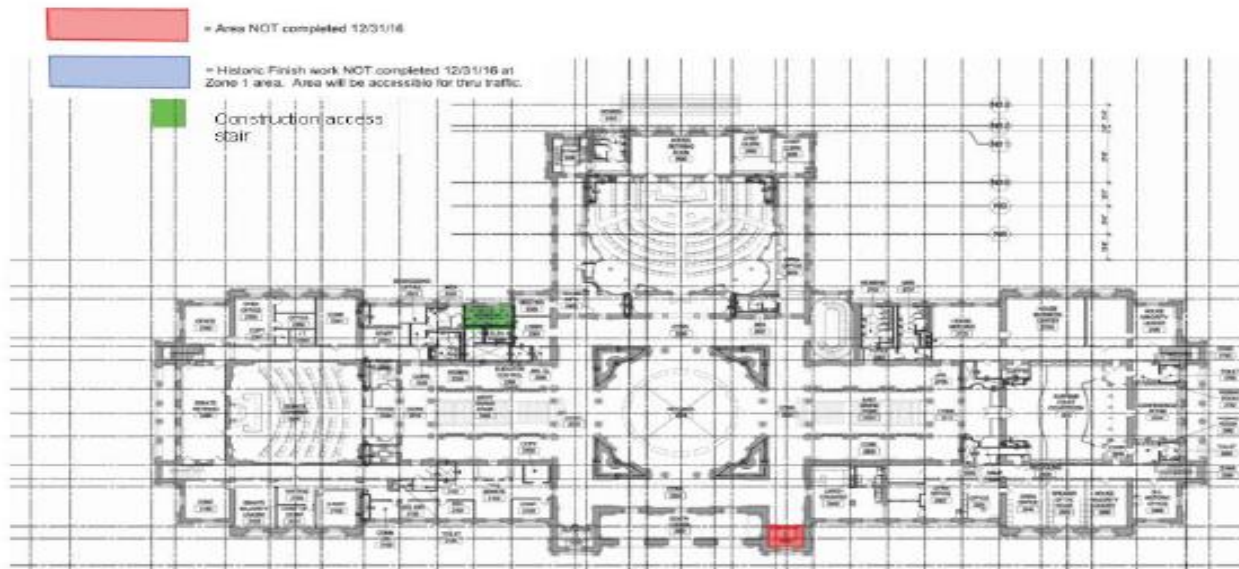
Commissioning  
Elevator installation  
Zone one space decorative  
painting

### First Floor complete except the following:

North wing - complete June 8, 2017  
Elevator #3 - complete April 6, 2017

# Current Schedule/Second Floor

Current Schedule / Second floor



Second Floor complete except the following:

Elevator #3 - complete April 6, 2017

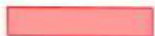

What won't be complete:

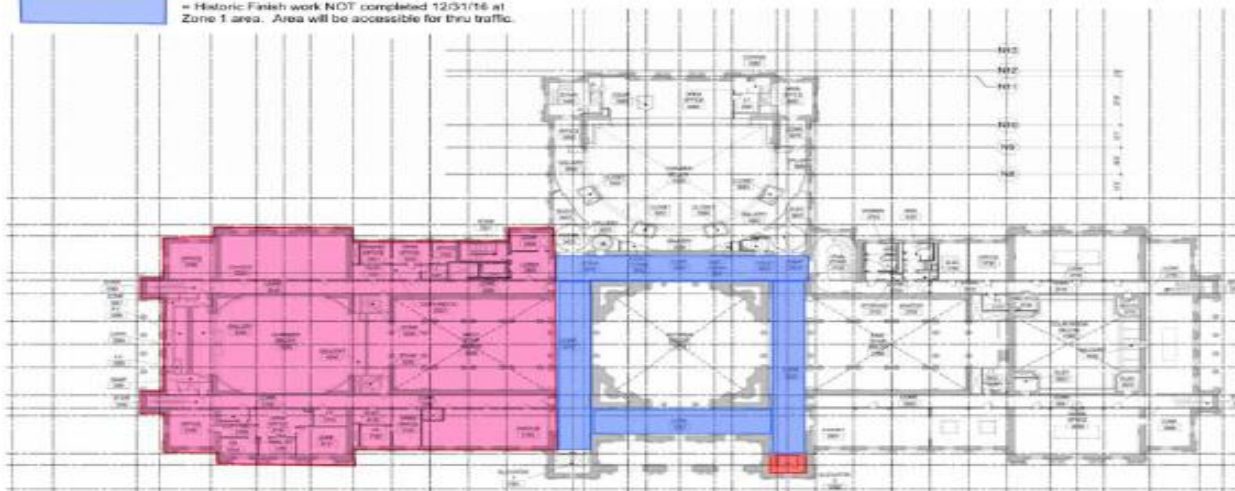
Elevator installation  
Commissioning



# Current Schedule/Third Floor

## Current Schedule / Third floor

-  = Area NOT completed 12/31/16
-  = Historic Finish work NOT completed 12/31/16 at Zone 1 area. Area will be accessible for thru traffic.



### What won't be complete:

Fine art restoration in zone one space  
Painting  
Flooring  
Millwork  
Ceilings  
Doors  
Electrical fixtures  
Window treatments  
Commissioning  
Elevator installation

### Third Floor complete except the following:

Elevator #3 - complete April 6, 2017  
West Wing - complete June 8, 2017  
Zone one space - TBD



# Current Schedule

- Copper Roof
- Site & Plaza Work

# Workforce and Supplier Diversity

Minnesota Senate Building	State Capitol Restoration
<p>Workforce Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minorities – 32%</li><li>• Women – 7%</li></ul> <p><i>*Goal was 32% and 7% respectively</i></p>	<p>Workforce Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minorities – 29%</li><li>• Women – 13%</li></ul> <p><i>*Goal is 32% and 7% respectively</i></p>
<p>Targeted Group Business (TGB) Sub-contracting 10.8%</p> <p><i>*Goal was 4%</i></p>	<p>Targeted Group Business (TGB) Sub-contracting 9%</p> <p><i>*Goal is 11%</i></p>

# 2016 Session Plans

- Maximum occupant capacities for the Capitol:
  - 258 on the second floor
  - 20 for the third floor support area
- Capitol only open for House floor sessions.
- Five levels of access passes:
  - Level 1: House Members and Staff (access available for all floor sessions)
  - Level 2: Senate Members, Legislative and Revisor's Office staff as required by business of the day
  - Level 3: Press
  - Level 4: Public
  - Level 5: Admin and DPS
- Limited points of access: north entry and tunnel.
- Bathrooms adjacent to north entry and under the porte-cochere.
- Public viewing of the House floor sessions available in room 10 SOB.

# Art Subcommittee Report

- Discussion of public outreach
- Presentation of preliminary recommendations
- Final recommendations Late Summer/Early Fall 2016

# Review Proposals on Use of \$2.0 Million

- **2015 Capital Investment bill** (Chapter 5, 1<sup>st</sup> SS of 2015)
  - *Appropriated \$26 Million for additional work*
  - *Appropriated \$6.2 Million for site security subject to Preservation Commission approval (approved August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015)*
  - Appropriated \$2.0 Million for unspecified restoration related costs subject to Preservation Commission approval
- **Fall 2015** – Admin solicited proposals
- **December 2015** – Admin/MOCA hosted an informational session to review proposals

# Proposals on Use of \$2.0 Million

Requestor	Minnesota Historical Society	Subcommittee on Capitol Art	Cass Gilbert Society
Amount	\$750,000 (up to)	\$300,000	\$30,000
Purpose	<p>Additional funding for Fine Art conservation following a complete assessment of conservation needs by professional art conservators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$3.25M appropriated in 2015</li> <li>- Current cost estimates = \$4.0M</li> </ul>	<p>A) Developing a catalog of wall elevations and floor plans (\$25K)</p> <p>B) Fund art related infrastructure in the Capitol, such as art hanging and display systems, electrical circuitry to accommodate art lighting and physical security (up to \$150 K)</p>	<p>Research to locate missing original Cass Gilbert designed furniture and furnishings formerly located in the Capitol</p>
Bondable	Yes	Uncertain	No



# Capitol Furniture Plan Overview

Historic Furniture Needs	Furniture Provisions
<p><u>Existing furnishings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Historic benches in public areas</li><li>• Chamber desks &amp; chairs</li><li>• Committee room tables, member chairs, testifiers, and public seating</li><li>• Private office desks, chairs, credenzas, lamps, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Estimated number of reproductions is 220 full units, plus 135 five star bases only.</li><li>• Estimated number of historic furniture items being re-used is nearly 500.</li><li>• Estimated number of non-historic furniture items being re-used is nearly 800.</li><li>• Approximate quantity of new furniture is 1,725.</li></ul>
<p><u>Restored spaces:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More public dining</li><li>• Temporary seating for program space</li><li>• Meeting room tables &amp; chairs</li><li>• Public spaces benches, chairs, seating areas</li></ul>	

# Fine Art Restoration



# Cass Gilbert Furniture

## FIND -and- SHARE -your- STORIES



CASS GILBERT SOCIETY

### THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL FURNISHINGS PROJECT

*We seek to collect stories, anecdotes, and photographs related to the original furnishings and building parts designed or specified by Cass Gilbert for the Minnesota State Capitol Building.*

#### MARBLE CLOCK

The F. Howard Clock Company made these clocks for the Chambers of the Senate, the House and the Supreme Court. The clocks have been in use in the Senate and Court since 1905. But the House had explored its marble clock with an ordinary round clock. Research during the 1990 House restoration showed photos of the marble clock that hung in the chamber. Even Hattie, House electrician, knew of an old box labeled "Clock" in a storage room. When opening the box with House staff, they found the original marble clock packed in newspapers from 1918, apparently the year in which the clock was restored. The marble was cleaned, the hands re-gilded, and it was adapted for batteries. Now it hangs in its original location inside the Chamber above the main entrance. Also wrapped in newspapers were the original clock mechanisms. These were given to the Minnesota Historical Society.



#### CHAISE LOUNGE

Shortly after the Capitol opened in 1905, Associate Justice U.S. Piggott wrote a letter to Cass Gilbert stating that the Justice's office required a chaise lounge. This rough sketch by Gilbert is dated 11 January 1905.

*"I would like to have a moderately comfortable place, not so hard as a rock and not such a one as the furniture of your box. That is exactly the thing I want for my use the solid and simple frame. It should be for me but it is all designed for feeling deep. I would rather have it without a back and certainly do not want a double under."*





MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL  
AT ST. PAUL.  
CASS GILBERT, ARCHT.

#### CASS GILBERT

Recognized as one of the most accomplished and prolific architects in the United States, Cass Gilbert's work includes the U.S. Custom House in New York City, the F.W. Woolworth Building in New York City, the U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, DC, and the State Capitol Building in St. Paul, Minnesota.



#### #473 ARMCHAIR

Fifty-nine #473 chairs were purchased by Cass Gilbert in 1905 for the Law Library and Minnesota Historical Society Reading Rooms, which were once located in the Capitol. Only one of the chairs remains. The chair was designed to be comfortable for the public doing research. Their use and simple design could make them a desired item for many non-recreational locations in the restored Capitol.



*Our hope is that the fruits of this project will provide citizens with a personal link to the Capitol during its restoration and after, and that it will heighten public interest in its preservation in the future.*

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# New Public Spaces In Restored Capitol

## Public Space Advisory Committee Report

- **Restored Capitol will have 36,758 sq. ft. public space; an increased of 16,786 or 84%.**
- **The increased public space provides an unprecedented opportunity to:**
  - Provide better public access to the legislative process, including making it easier to find legislators.
  - Create an inclusive space that welcomes all Minnesotans into the “People’s House”.
  - Enhance the public’s use of and experience with the building.
  - Allow for more and different public uses than prior to restoration.

# Public Space Advisory Committee Report

- **Key Objectives:**

- Be innovative, inclusive, and pragmatic.
- Recommend types of events that can be held in the public spaces of the Capitol.
- Recommend whether events are fee-based or free to the public.
- Recommend Capitol building hours of operation.
- Recommend protocols for use of public space and public rallies.

# Public Space Advisory Committee Report

- **Discussions not focused on types of events**
- **Discussion focused on protocol that should apply to any event, such as:**
  - What spaces are available for public use
  - Hours of operation (including after hours events)
  - Process for reserving space and equipment
  - Operations
  - Food and Beverages
  - Noise
  - Charging Fees/Exchange of Money
  - Sale and Use of Alcohol



# Public Space Advisory Committee Report

- **Key Recommendations:**

- Admin should create mobile capable website and online reservation system (one-stop shop).
- Fees should be assessed to cover staffing needs if after hours events occur (Admin, DPS).
  - If fees assessed, IRS tax code provisions and restrictions will apply.
- Identify preferred vendors for food service and equipment rentals, and related procedures for equipment drop off/pick up.
- Admin should conduct a *Noise Study* to determine the appropriate volume level at different locations throughout the Capitol.

# Public Space Advisory Committee Report

- **Unresolved Issues**
  - After hours events
  - Exchange of money
  - Sale and use of alcohol
  - Charge of fees for space during business hours
- Tension exists between the desire to open up the Capitol in a non-traditional way and diversify public uses of the Capitol, with concerns over practical matters of safety, cost and process.
- Commitment from advisory committee to revisit and stay engaged as policies are developed over the next 12 months.

# Planning for Grand Opening

- “Welcome Back to the Capitol” celebration at the beginning of the 2017 session.
  - *Some interior and exterior work will be ongoing.*
- Grand Re-opening event-Formal public celebration and turnover of the restored State Capitol back to all branches of state government and to the people of Minnesota.

# Proposed Governance Structure

## Capitol Preservation Commission Oversight

- Approve budget and schedule of events

## Capitol Grand Re-Opening Committee (21 members; appointed by Commission)

- Recommend budget and schedule of events
- Fundraise
- Plan for logistics, security, event management
- Promote and market events
- *Report to Preservation Commission*

## Planning Work Group/Admin (Sub-group of committee members plus relevant Admin, DPS & other agency staff)

- Administrative support
- Technical support for logistics, security, event management
- Research ideas
- Contract management
- Support day-to-day activities related to event

# Key Priorities-Potential Timeline

- Major action items needed in the next 18 months:
  - Appointment of Committee
  - Identification of a date
  - Passage of legislation
  - Formulation of fundraising plan
  - Planning of events
- Two month window – September 1 to November 1, 2016
  - Grand Re-opening committee would need to discuss and select a date
    - Keeping in mind State Fair, Labor Day, Twin Cities Marathon, other potential events

# Grand Re-Opening – Action Needed

- **Establish Capitol Grand Re-opening Committee?**
- **Recommend legislature adopt statutory clarification to ensure the Capitol Preservation Commission is properly authorized to fundraise and spend monies on a grand re-opening event?**









# Possible Celebration Activities

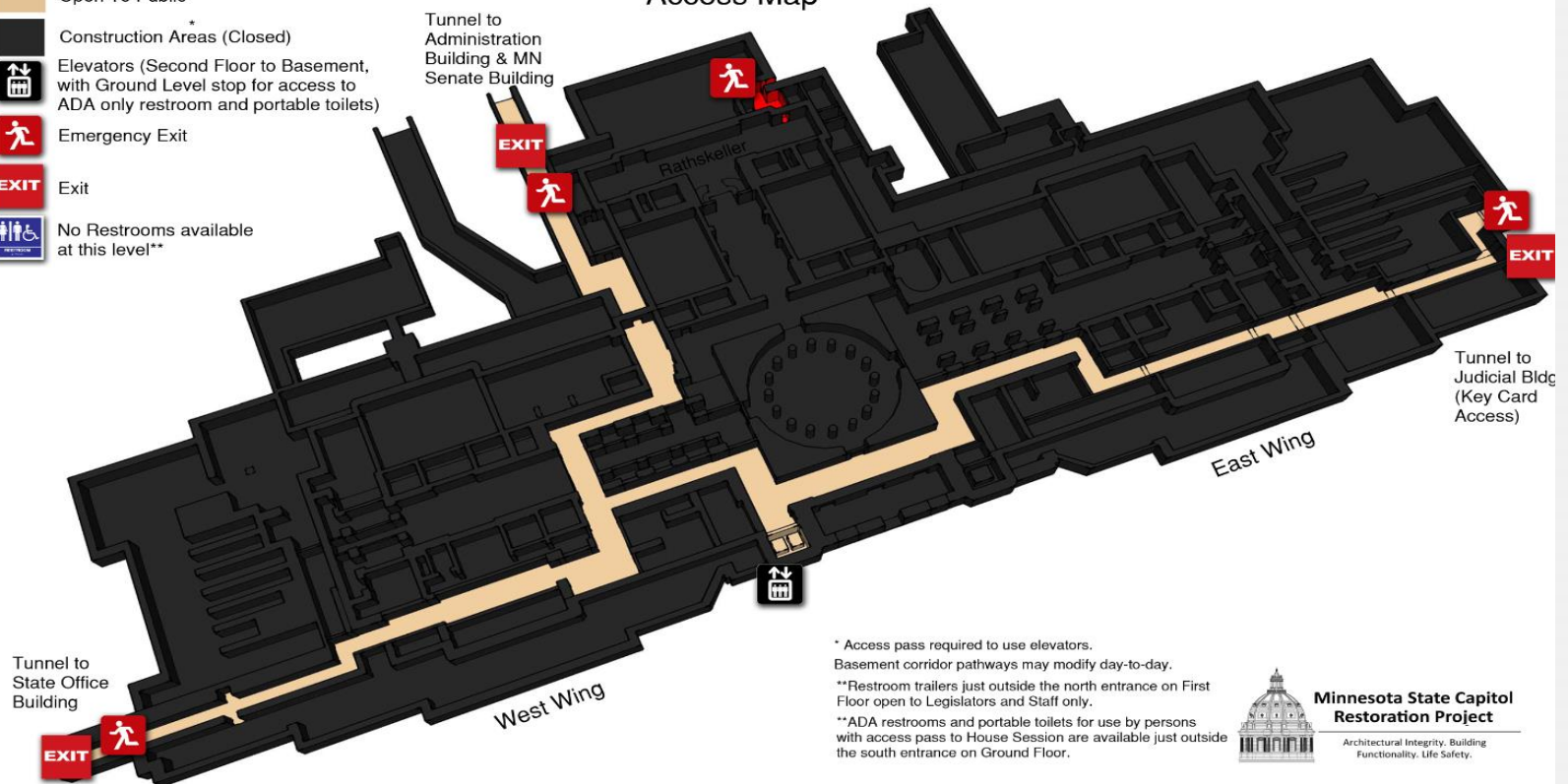
- Hand over a key to officially return the Capitol back to its “owners” Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Fireworks
- Tours of the Capitol
- Games, foods, activities popular 100 years ago (baseball) on upper mall
- Worker Appreciation Day
- Art exhibit opening (new and conserved)
- Cultural Celebration Day
- Blessing of the Capitol
- Local food and beverages event
- Saturday afternoon/evening concert of MN musicians
- Minnesota State Band concert
- Stone Carving exhibition
- Cocktails on the loggia
- Dance party
- Rathskeller beer event
- Supreme Court – ceremonial session
- Supreme court dining room event
- Multi-media exhibit that showcases images/video of the restoration process over the last four years
- Outreach event to Minnesota school children

# 2016 Capitol Basement/Tunnel Access

## Legend

-  Open To Public
-  Construction Areas (Closed)
-  Elevators (Second Floor to Basement, with Ground Level stop for access to ADA only restroom and portable toilets)
-  Emergency Exit
-  Exit
-  No Restrooms available at this level\*\*

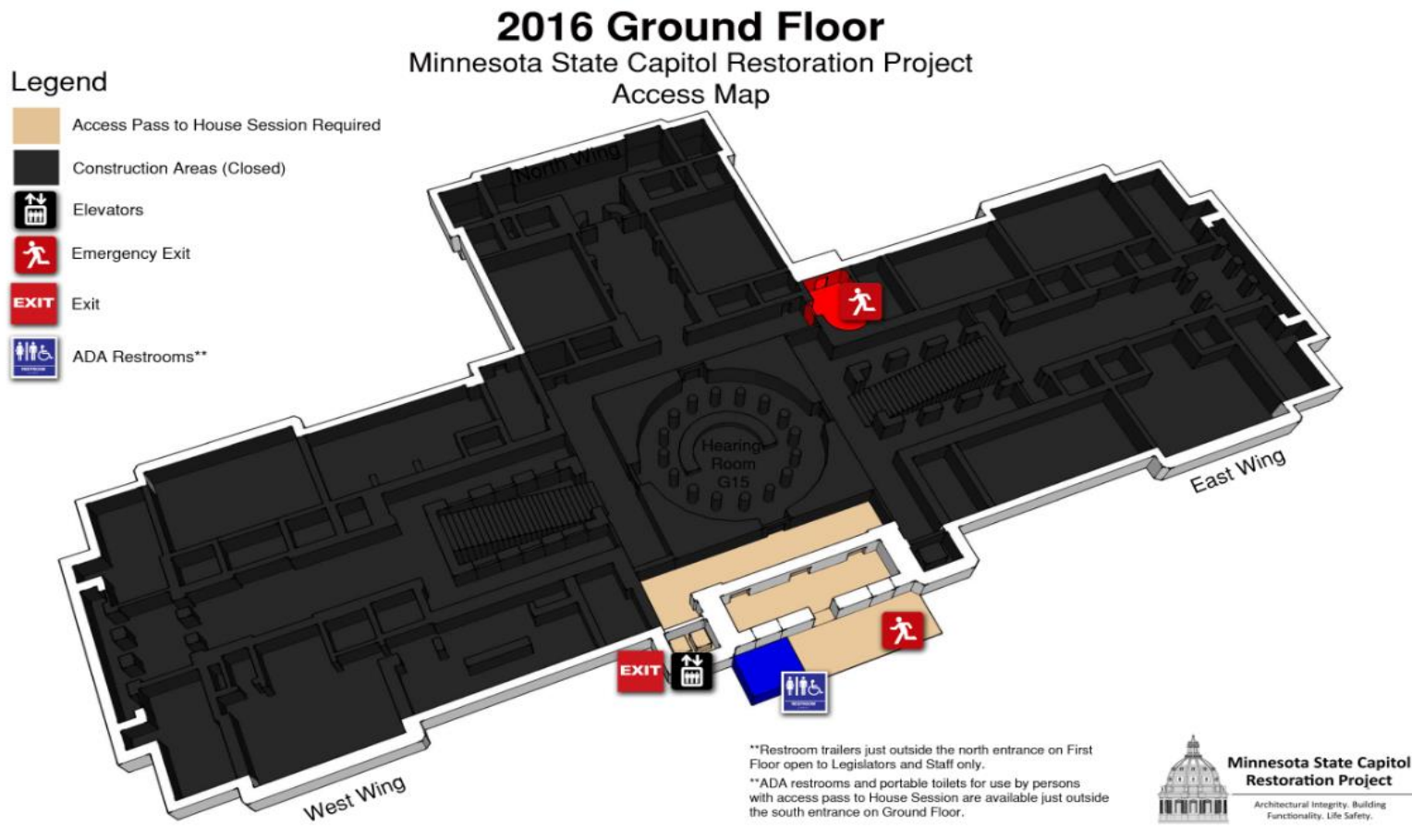
## 2016 Basement/Tunnel Floor Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project Access Map



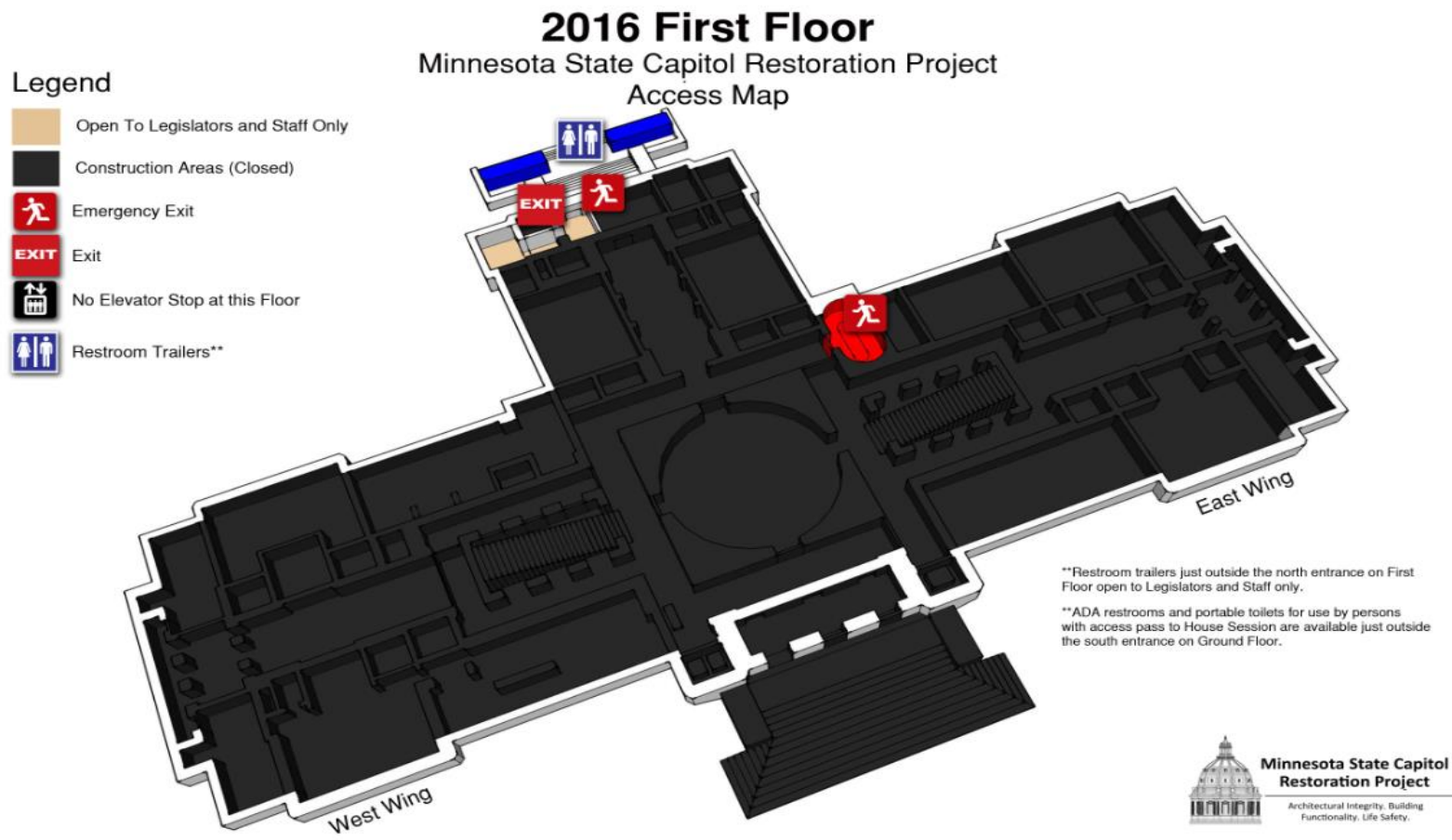
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Architectural Integrity. Building  
Functionality. Life Safety.

# 2016 Capitol Ground Floor Access

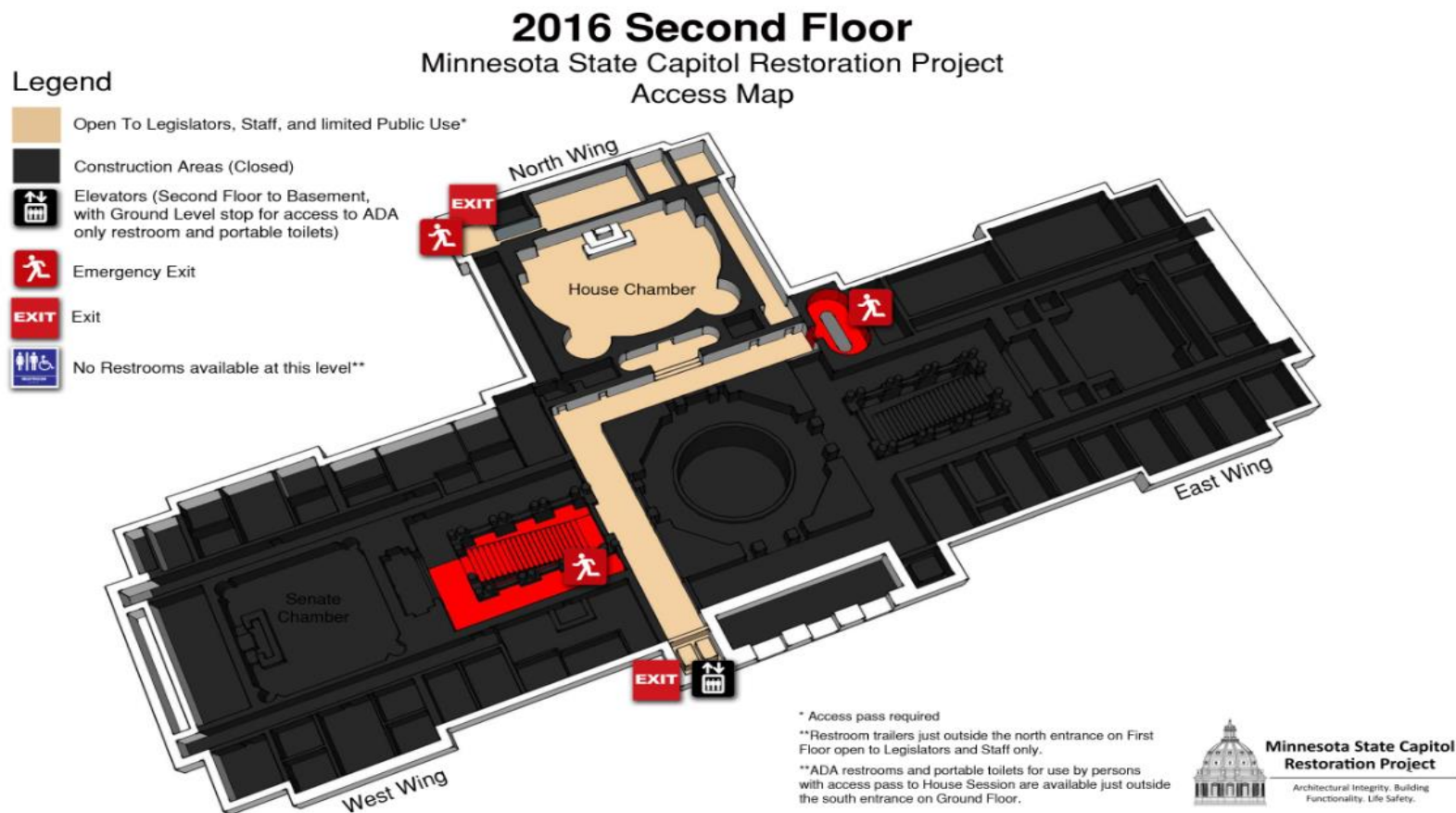


# 2016 Capitol First Floor Access





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